

Duxbury Bay Maritime School Buys Land

Directors of a proposed junior sailing and boating school signed an option for an undisclosed amount Friday to purchase approximately 2 acres of land on the Snug Harbor waterfront as the future site of the Duxbury Bay Maritime School. Long known as the Duxbury Marina property, the land is directly adjacent to the Mattakeeset Court parking lot.

In his Snug Harbor office Friday morning, Sweetser's property owner, Jack Davis, signed the purchase and sales agreement with F. Sherman Hoyt, president and one of the founders of the school, which was organized and incorporated over the last 6 months. In the process of negotiating the land sale, Davis became an enthusiastic supporter of the school's development.

The Duxbury Bay Maritime School is a private non-

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profit organization chartered to provide a broad range of boating, sailing, and marine instruction on the Duxbury waterfront, to all the town's young people. Some minimal activities such as shore school, Duxbury High School sailing, and other organizational activities may be underway this summer, but the target start-up date for the school is the summer of 1998.

Creation of the school will ensure that one of the last remaining pieces of large waterfront property in town be forever dedicated to the use and access of all junior Duxbury sailors and their parents.

Having met the first 2 goals—establishment as a non-profit corporation, and the acquisition of an option on the Snug Harbor property—the school now enters its next most vital phase, that of raising funds to complete the land-purchase and to fund the start-up phase of the school in 1998.

In this latter endeavor, said Hoyt, the directors hope to involve as broad and diverse a group of townspeople as is represented in the original 11 directors themselves. Support for the school ranges from Duxbury Harbor-master, the School Department, Snug Harbor Boat

Works, Bayside Marine, Duxbury Yacht Club, and many interested residents.

Hoyt emphasized that success of the school now rests largely with the support of townspeople of Duxbury, from voluntary financial backing to the many hands needed to make such a broad community effort work.

Beginning in 1998, the school will provide on-water and shoreside teaching facilities for youths aged 9 to 19 who may participate in a wide range of activities including (but not limited to): sailing and racing, seamanship, safety and navigation, wooden boat building, small boat repair, Bay and Beach ecology, Duxbury Bay history, Power Squadron and Sea Scouts. Plans for the Duxbury Bay Maritime School also include a number of activities that can be tied in with education programs already in progress at DJSHS.

Jack Davis has generously donated waterfront office space near the Harbormaster's building for a fundraising campaign headquarters and initial school operations. This building will be part of the school property when the purchase is completed.

Following is an alphabetical list of the 11 directors of the Maritime School: Donald Beers, Tony Chamberlain,